

LOUISIANA TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS FUND - PROGRESS REPORT

March 1st, 2000

I DEPARTMENT/AGENCY: Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

II PROJECT TITLE:
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries “Automated Sportsman’s Data System (ASDS),” a/k/a “Point of Sales (POS)”

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IV DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT:

LDWF is responsible for the distribution, sale and revenue collection in regards to hunting and fishing related privileges in Louisiana. LDWF desires to automate its license issuance system by implementing an electronic “Automated Sportsman’s Data System (ASDS)”, a/k/a “Point of Sale (POS)” system, which will issue licenses at POS as well as over the telephone and possibly through use of the internet. The automated ASDS/POS system will be an on-line system operating on a 24 hour per day, 7 days a week (24x7) basis. The ASDS/POS system will:

- ?? Validate (application acceptance or denial without clerical discretion)*
- ?? Capture license buyer and sales data at POS,*
- ?? Update the LDWF data base,*
- ?? Assign an identification number to the license*
- ?? Print a durable license at the POS*
- ?? Allow the license buyer to apply for limited quota special license drawings at the POS*
- ?? Utilize cash concentration, electronic fund transfers (EFT) and Automated Clearing House (ACH) systems to transfer revenue on a timely basis.*

The system must be able to issue bulletins to POS terminals, conduct surveys (e.g. federal harvest information program migratory bird survey) and to make, issue, transmit and store all necessary reports and be designed to provide for credit card purchases of such licenses over the telephone and internet.

In addition to locations at license retail vendors statewide, POS terminals may be located at certain parish sheriff’s offices and LDWF regional offices (for non-cash transactions only) for an estimated total of 1500 locations.

V PROJECT STATUS

- A. The project is fully implemented. The only remaining tasks are to fully populate the data base with under 16 year olds, address changes and non-residents. Completion of these tasks is expected by September 1st, 2000.

- B. Accomplishments to date have been:

Prior to March 1st, 1999:

- (1) Prepared and filed Request for Proposal ("RFP").
- (2) Held the proposal conference.
- (3) Received proposals.
- (4) Evaluated the proposals.
- (5) Chose the contractor.
- (6) Held first meeting with contractor.
- (7) Negotiated and signed the contract.
- (8) Issued a Purchase Order.
- (9) Scheduled the system design phase.
- (10) Searched for and found all active license agents, a total of 1,598.
- (11) Prepared and issued a press release.
- (12) Prepared and mailed instructional and informational materials, applications and contracts for agents.
- (13) Prepared a "Frequently Asked Questions" fact sheet to help agents.
- (14) Began receiving and processing applications from agents.

From March 1st through August 31st 1999:

- (1) Signed up nearly 800 license vendors.
- (2) Completed the design of the system on April 29th, 1999.
- (3) Purchased and tagged 1,500 terminal sets.
- (4) Produced a video to help license vendors.
- (5) Set up the pilot program (35 vendors) to start prior to September 15th.

From September 1st, 1999 through February 29th, 2000:

- 1) Began the pilot phase on September 3rd, 1999 with 34 license vendors.
- 2) Added the telephone purchasing via Bass-Pro on September 30th, 1999.
- 3) Concluded the pilot phase on October 31st, 1999.
- 4) Began to roll-out the whole system on November 1st, 1999.
- 5) As of February 24th, 2000, 803 license vendors were connected and approximately another 70 had applications pending.
- 6) Paper licenses were recalled as of February 29th, 2000.

- C. The project is on track and there are no new problems to report.

- D. The schedule of remaining events as listed in the MOU is as follows:
 ?? First-year population of data base

VI COST VS. BUDGET

	<u>Category</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Projected Surplus</u>
A.	Equipment	\$786,990	\$761,002	\$25,988
B.	Software	\$ none	\$ none	not applicable
C.	Telecommunications	\$ none	\$ none	not applicable
D.	Professional/ Contract Services	\$ none	\$ none	not applicable
E.	Other Costs (data base changes)	\$ 77,681	\$ 1,241	none as yet
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	Total Project Cost	\$864,671	\$762,243	\$25,988

VII ITEMIZED EXPENSES AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS INCURRED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD

During this period, \$14,002 was expended to replace the DEC Alpha serve, \$5 was expended adding address changes to the data base and \$1,236 was expended adding new individuals to the data base.

